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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub No. 1) – Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Decision served by the Board on July 28, 2006, in the above proceeding, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) hereby submits its Notice of Intent to Participate in the proceeding and requests that copies of notices, decisions, comments, and pleadings in the proceeding be served on the AAR as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel M. Sipe, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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